

ABSTRACT

[0064] Disclosed herein is an electronic device having an update agent capable of updating application software employing reference software and an update package generated based on the reference software. The update agent may be employed by the electronic device to perform the update. When a user of an electronic device installs an application software, reference software may also be installed during the same installation to support subsequent updates to the application software. In a personal computer, application software may be loaded from a CDROM that may also provide reference software. Both application software and reference software may be installed during the same installation onto the PC from the CDROM. Update packages may also be generated based on the reference software and the number of update packages to be generated. Disclosed herein is a method and system where multiple update transitions may be reduced to a single update transition.